

**CIRCLE C HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
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August 7, 2000

TO: City of Austin  
Parks and Recreation Department  
Parks Board, Land and Facilities Subcommittee

FROM: Susan Hoover, Board Member, Circle C Homeowners Association

This is a request for the renaming of Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park to Circle C Metropolitan Park.

History: In the early 1980s, approximately 400 acres of land was donated to the City of Austin for parkland per agreements between the City of Austin and the developers with the formation of the four Circle C municipal utility districts. The park was named Circle C Metropolitan Park. The developers provided permanent black granite signage with this name on it. This signage remains in place today.

In 1991, the name was changed to Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park. PARD subsequently installed one sign at the park entrance road with "Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park " signage on it.

In 1993, the developers donated another 62 acres of land for the Veloway project. The signage provided by PARD says only "The Veloway."

There are a number of city maps that designate this park as the Circle C Park. Also, most of the population, including a sizeable soccer population (over 1600 children and their parents) refer to the park as Circle C Park. The feeling from many of the users of the park is that the park is commonly known as Circle C Park, that people seeking directions benefit from this name (rather than a more ambiguous Slaughter Creek Park).

It is the request of the Circle C Homeowners Association that the Slaughter Creek Park be renamed Circle C Metropolitan Park for convenience and geographical accuracy.

Further, in the April 23, 2000 settlement between the Circle C Homeowners Association and the City of Austin, (Item Number 15) states that the City will allow this proposal to come forward through the appropriate channels.

The Circle C Homeowners Association would be happy to pay for replacing the entrance sign to the park. We request that you approve our request.



**CIRCLE C RANCH**

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Austin, Texas 78747  
August 7, 2000

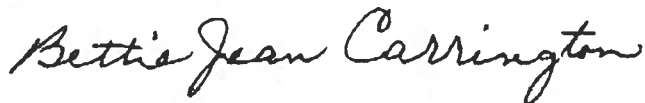
Parks and Recreation Department  
City of Austin  
Austin, Texas

Gentlemen:

My residence is located on Slaughter Creek. It was a surprise to me to know that there was a park named Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park located on the western end of Slaughter Creek. There is considerable confusion to people who live in the area. A reasonable solution could be to rename this park the "Circle C Metropolitan Park".

Thank you for your consideration. This renaming could enhance people's use of the fine parks which your group oversees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bettie Jean Carrington". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Bettie Jean Carrington  
(Mrs. Joe C. Carrington, Jr.)

**Ken Rigsbee**

6406 Old Harbor Lane  
Austin, TX 78739

August 8, 2000

Austin Parks & Recreation Board  
City of Austin

RE: Renaming of Circle C Metropolitan Park

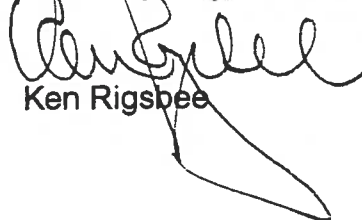
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board:

My family has owned property located between Slaughter Creek and Onion Creek for the past two generations. Slaughter Creek is prominently identified in several locations along IH-35 in that area and most people think of that general vicinity when "Slaughter Creek" is mentioned. My family and I have always considered that area along IH-35 to be the "Slaughter Creek" corridor.

A couple of years ago when the City Council acted without public input to rename the parkland granted to the City by the Circle C developer, nearly 10 miles away, from the Slaughter Creek corridor as the "Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park", they changed the identity of a theretofore recognized facility. In the time since I have heard several stories from my Manchaca and Slaughter Creek area acquaintances about people wandering around IH-35 and Slaughter Lane trying to find "Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park". Many seem to think it's the Mary Moore Searight Park off of Slaughter Lane, or somewhere adjacent to the new music venue along IH-35.

Recognizing the confusion and the potential safety concerns in the event of an emergency occurring at the soccer fields or frisbee golf course or the veloway in the park, the Circle C Homeowners Association has recommended that the park name be changed back to "Circle C Metropolitan Park". I am writing in support of that recommendation.

Sincerely,



Ken Rigsbee

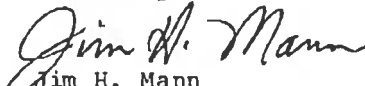
Jim H. Mann  
3400 Shady Valley Dr.  
Austin, Tx 78748

August 7, 2000

City of Austin Parks & Recreation Board

I support the request of the Circle C Homeowner's Association to rename the Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park for the purpose of avoiding confusion as to geographical location based on the name.

Sincerely,

  
Jim H. Mann

Subj: (no subject)

Date: 08/08/2000 8:31:21 PM Central Daylight Time

From: Android14

To: TEXAS66

CC: donrojas@hotmail.com

Hello Ken,

I completely agree that the name Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park, does not fit.

Circle C Metropolitan Park makes much more sense. It sounds better, too. Please carry my letter to the council.

Cliff Anderson

9437 Zyle Road

Austin, Texas 78737-3428

512-288-3873

**Donald & Charyl Rojas**  
**10605 Redmond Road**  
**Austin, Texas 78739**

August 10, 2000

**City of Austin**  
**Parks & Recreation Board**

**RE: Slaughter Creek Metro Park**  
**Name Change To: "CIRCLE C METROPOLITAN PARK"**

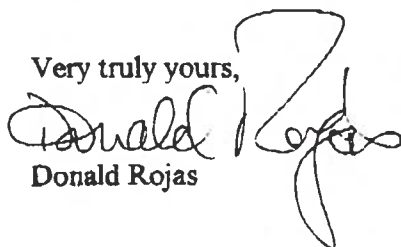
Gentlemen:

Part of the annexation by the City of Austin changed the name of our local park to "Slaughter Creek Metro Park". We could never understand the reasoning as Slaughter Creek is looked upon as being near I-35, not Circle C.

To this day many people trying to get to the park have to ask directions and should someone need help or medical attention this could increase response time.

For this and other reasons we would appreciate your considering changing the name back to what it was and help increase its use by all City residents.

Very truly yours,

  
Donald Rojas

Kenneth W. Nordeman  
5800 Back Bay Lane  
Austin, Texas 78739

August 12, 2000

Austin Parks & Recreation Board  
Austin, Texas

Dear Board:

We support the change in the name of the Slaughter Creek Metro Park to the Circle C Metropolitan Park.

Please consider this requested change favorably.

Sincerely,

Ken and Marion Nordeman



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August 10, 2000

City of Austin P.A.R.D Board

RE: Renaming of Slaughter Creek Metro Park

Dear Board Members:

I would like to encourage you to change the name of Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park to Circle C Metropolitan Park.

I have been a professional travel agent for 16 years. The qualities of an *average* agent must include a good sense of geography, the deduction skills of Sherlock Holmes, the tact of a foreign diplomat and the ability to read a map.

All day long I am confronted with people attempting to travel to locations around the world. Sometimes these travelers have no idea where they are actually going and they can only provide minimal information from which I must deduce the best way to get them to their destination once I figure out where that may be.

One of the ways in which we try to accomplish this is to solicit information on the relationship of the desired location to other known landmarks. Often we rely on place names to help orient the traveler to an approximate location. The most helpful place names include a reference to their location. The worst have no relation between their name and their location often causing massive confusion. I believe that this is currently being experienced with Slaughter Creek Metro Park. You could take a poll of people in Austin and ask them if they know where Slaughter Creek Metro Park is and the majority would be unable to enlighten you. I suspect this is because most people have no idea where Slaughter Creek is. However, if you asked where Circle C Metro Park is the majority still would not be able to tell you where the park is, BUT they would probably say "it must be located in Circle C". The logical conclusion to an intelligent place name.

I have heard stories of families driving around lost unable to locate the park causing children to be late for soccer games, infuriating coaches, and creating a conducive atmosphere for divorce. I urge you to change the name. Thousands of travel agents and lost travelers will be most appreciative and you may even save a marriage.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Andi Rausch, CTC, ACC, DS  
Assistant Manager





Ms. Erika Kunz  
212 Country Way  
Maxwell Texas 78656

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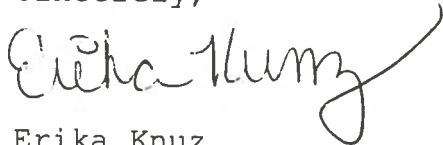
Director  
City of Austin  
Parks and Recreation  
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

I would like to add my voice to those who wish to change the name of the Slaughter Creek Park to the Circle C Park. It has been my personal experience that this would assist those unfamiliar with the area in finding such a fine facility.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erika Kunz". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Erika Knuz

**Ms. Victoria Sassenhagen  
815 West Slaughter Lane  
#315  
Austin, Texas 78739**

August 10, 2000

Mr. Stuart Strong  
Austin Parks and Recreation Dept.  
City of Austin  
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Strong:

I have recently moved to the South Austin area. I attempted to find the park in Circle C so that my daughter could take advantage of that facility. However I spent several hours trying to find the park only to discover that the park in Circle C is not named Circle C Park.

It is now my understanding that there is an effort to rename the park. Please add my name to those who would very much like to see the name of that park changed.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victoria Sassenhagen".

Ms. Victoria Sassenhagen

Mrs. Veronica Paramo  
17705 Kessler Drive  
Pflugerville, Texas 78660

August 15, 2000

Mr. Stuart Strong  
City of Austin  
Park and Recreation  
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Strong:

Prior to my recent relocation to the north Austin area, I was a resident of South Austin. At times my family would come to visit me in South Austin and on one occasion we wanted to visit the park in Circle C that a co-worker had told me about. I want to inform you that it was something of a chore to find a park in Circle C that was not named Circle C Park.

The same co-worker that told me of the park now tells me that there is a consideration to change the name of the park. In my opinion, it would be a benefit to any one who wants to visit that park to change the name. I have been asked if I would write you to express how I feel. I cannot tell you how much I would encourage you to have the name changed. Thank you for taking time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'V. Paramo', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ms. Veronica Paramo









## **Barton Springs Promotion**

As part of the Barton Springs Pool Phase II improvements, Robert Hansen (City of Austin's Watershed Protection Department) is responsible to the Fish and Wildlife Service to provide educational information to the public and new signs at Barton, Eliza, and Old Mill Springs as *required* in the 10(a) permit for the Barton Springs salamander. The Barton Springs Promotion will meet these requirements in an exciting and interesting way.

### ***A Spring for All Seasons* Postcard Booklets**

15,000 sets of postcards booklets will be printed and distributed free to the public at Barton Springs in Fall 2000. The theme: *A Spring for All Seasons* compares the beauty of the springs to impressionists' paintings and talks of the importance of the springs in all seasons of our lives—from childhood to old age. Each set contains eight postcards that can be sent to friends and family to further promote the springs. The promotion contains beautiful color photographs of the springs that highlights the color and clarity of the spring water. The text highlights the need for conservation efforts.

### **Banners for Barton Springs**

As part of the promotion, we propose creating colorful outdoor waterproof banners that can be attached to existing light poles, telephone poles, or fences based on the theme: *A Spring for All Seasons*. The banners will use some of the photos from the postcards and contain key facts about the springs to help in public awareness. These banners, are similar to banners on Congress Ave. and in front of the Austin Museum of Art, can be installed temporarily to help promote conservation efforts for the springs. These banners are temporary (yet they have a three-year warranty) and can be dismantled easily and will not alter in an adverse way the grounds or the existing structures.

### **Public Relations / Press Releases**

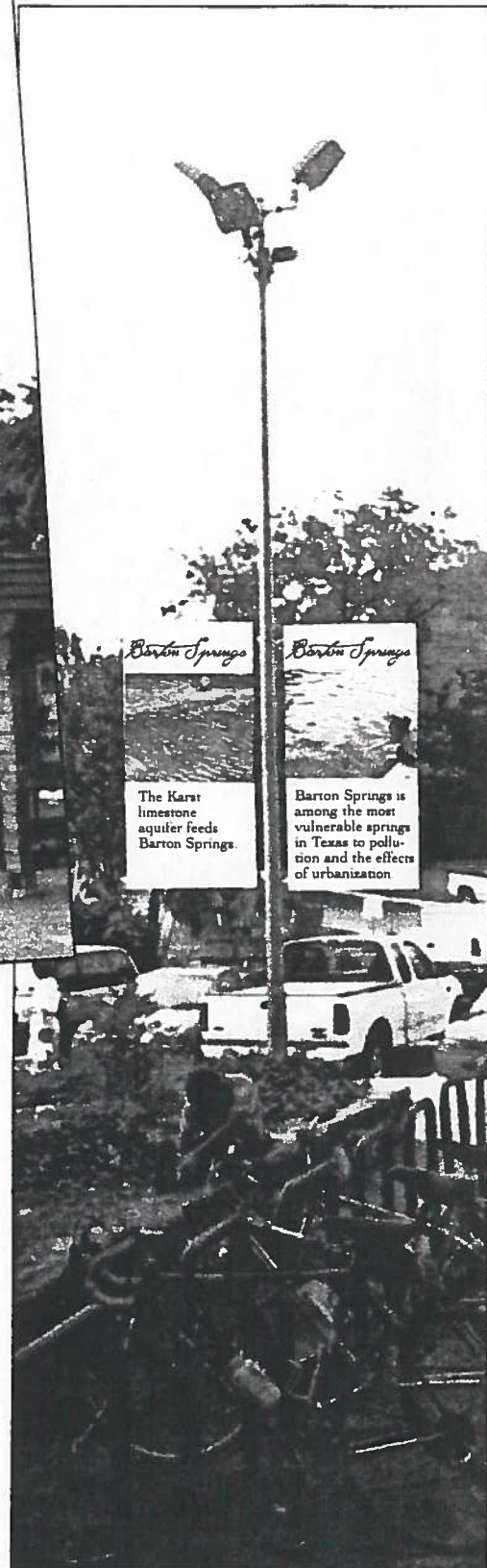
As part of the promotion, Fish and Wildlife suggested that the City makes an effort to promote through the media, the cooperation between the City of Austin, Fish and Wildlife, and the public to preserve the salamander and the springs. The press releases should be coordinated to come out when the postcard promotion and the banners are completed. *To be successful, a clear target date (deadline) needs to be set and met on schedule.*

***The combination of the Postcard Promotion, the Banners and the Public Relations Blitz is a complete promotional campaign for Barton Springs that will make a big splash with the public and in the media.***

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# Banners for Barton Springs

FACTUAL AND INFORMATIONAL



2.5 ft. X 5 ft. Banners — a set of eight different banners designed to coordinate the theme: *A Spring for all Seasons*. Each banner will have a significant fact about Barton Springs. The banners are waterproof 15 oz. vinyl, 600 DPI, and have a three-year warranty.

These banners will be installed on the existing light poles and telephone poles. Banners will be installed high enough to discourage vandalism yet be easily read by all visitors.

New horizontal posts will be installed to hold the banners. These posts can easily be removed once the promotion is over or can be reused for new promotions.

*This is a rough concept—photo and signs not to scale*



# Barton Springs

## History of the Springs

*Barton Springs, to a child, appears as a jade and emerald ocean of fun.*



*In the springtime of our lives, we build memories that last a lifetime — memories of laughter, the cold water on delicate skin, and screams of enthusiastic joy as we go off the diving board "just one more time."*

Children have the opportunity to learn about the environment when they visit the springs. The *Splash! Into the Edwards Aquifer* exhibit takes visitors deep into a simulated aquifer through multi-media dis-

plays and interactive learning. On average, 32 million gallons of artesian aquifer water a day flow through Barton Springs, the fourth largest in Texas.

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## Informational Banners

These informational banners could be used for Eliza Springs, Old Mill Springs, near the diving board at Barton Springs, and at the entrance to Barton Springs.

These waterproof banners could be attached to easy to install poles, fences or buildings. Approximately 3.5 ft. X 4ft.

These banners will require new writing based on previously done work. Some new graphics and photos may also be necessary. See budget for estimates. There will be a recommended word limit per banner.

# Barton Springs

## Environmental Concerns

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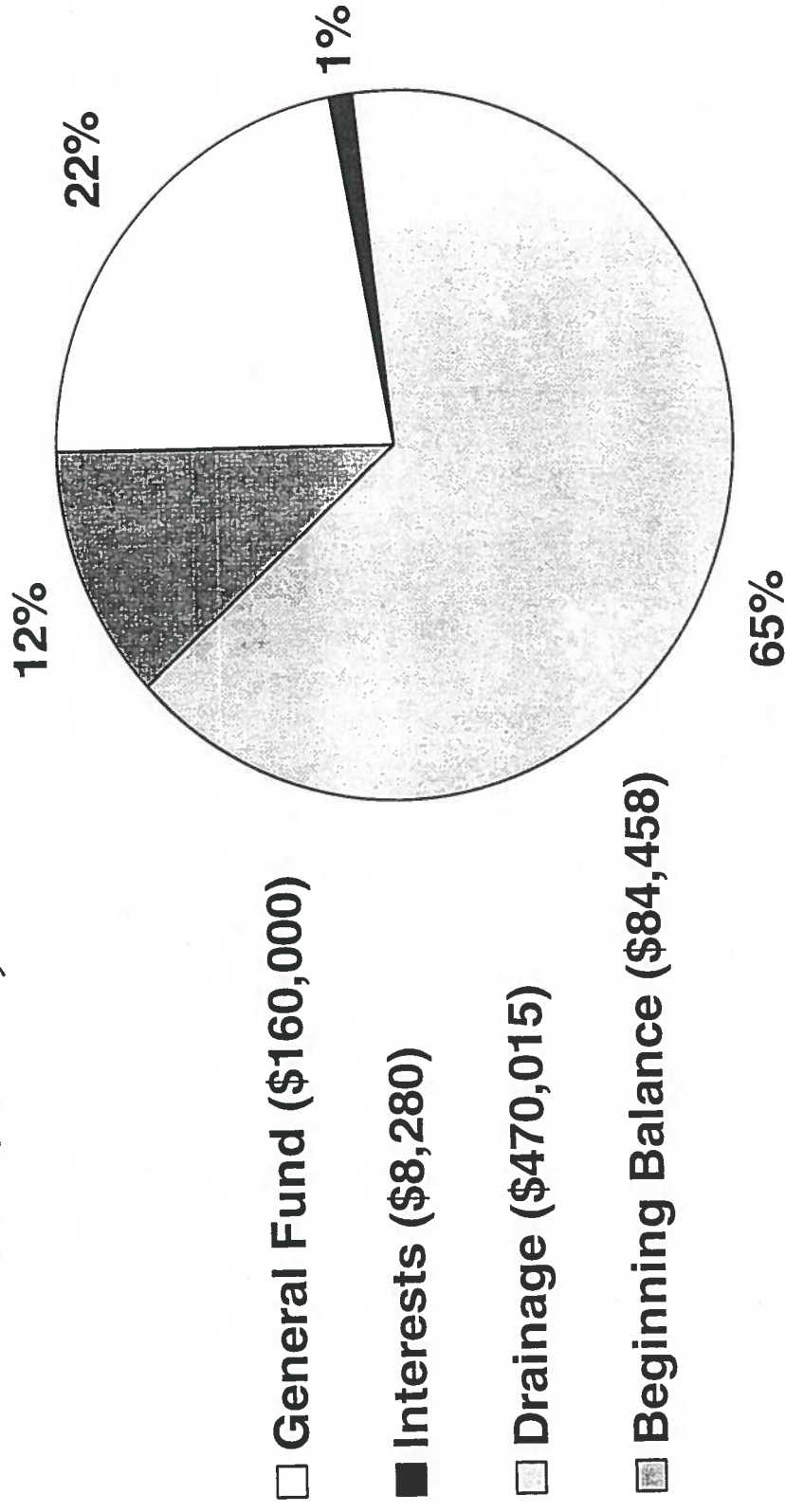
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# Budget Distribution

## 00-01 Total=\$638,295

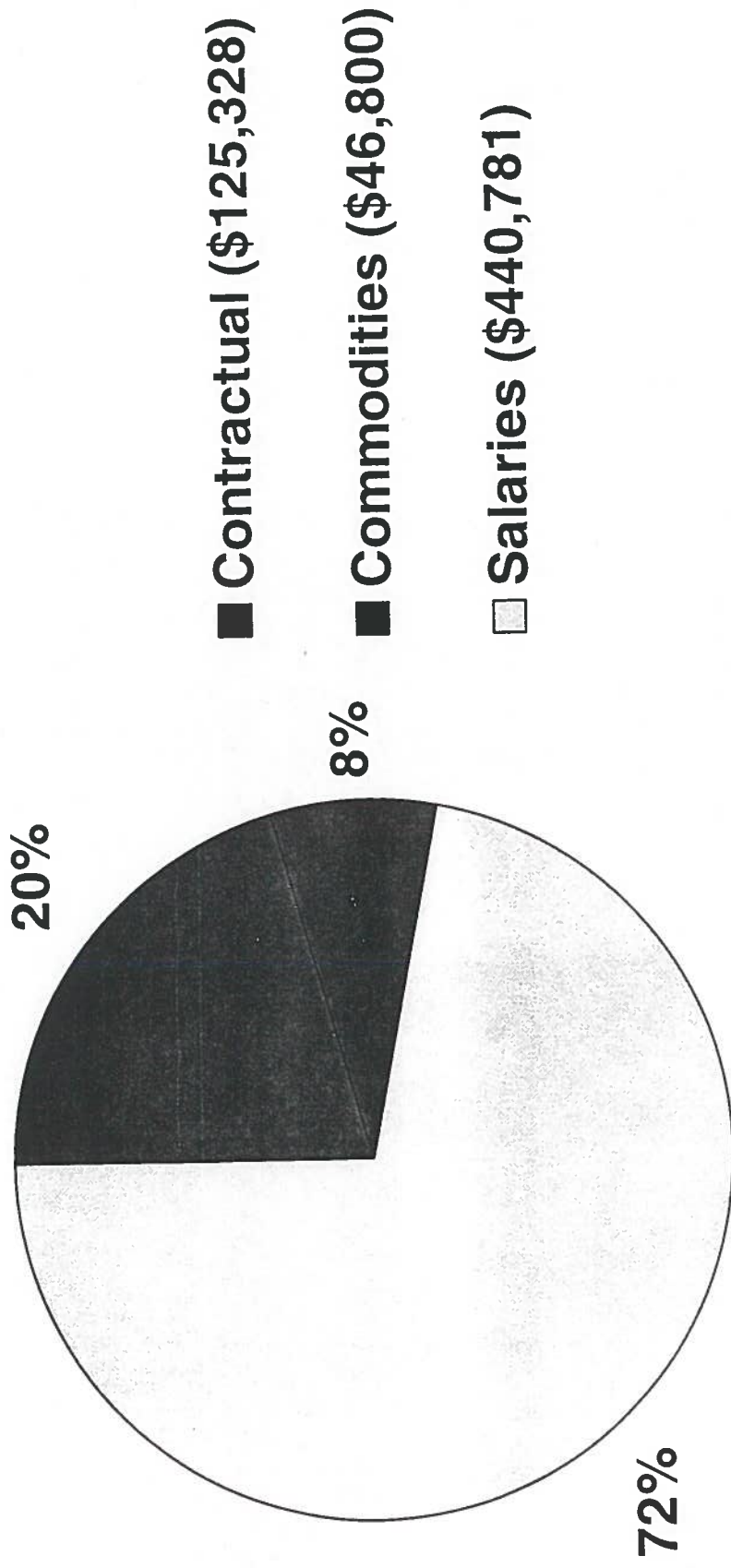


# Balcones Canyonlands Preserve



# Budget Distribution

*99-00 Total=\$612,909.00*



## Balcones Canyonlands Preserve



# Staffing

<i>Positions</i>	<i>94-95</i>	<i>98-99</i>	<i>99-00</i>	<i>Needs</i>
Sr. Biologist	1	1	1	0
Biologists	2	4	5	2
Chief Conservation Officer*	1	1	1	0
Sr. Conservation Officers*	2	0	0	0
Conservation Officers*	2	2	2	0
Environm. Program Supervisor*	1	0	0	0
Environm. Quality Specialist*	1	0	0	0
Public Service Leader	0	0	0	2
Public Service Helper	0	0	0	4
Education Coordinator	0	0	0	1
Parks grounds specialist	0	0	0	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>



## Balcones Canyonlands Preserve

# *Budget needs in the next four years*

- Ten additional positions
- One truck, double cabin, four-wheel drive
- \$30,000 for biological monitoring
- \$70,000 for additional equipment



Photo by [illegible]



## Balcones Canyonlands Preserve

## ***BCP Staff Recommendations:***

- Increase Drainage fee allocation 50%
- Restrict all funds from City's portion of certificates of participation to BCP operation and management expenditures

**Balcones Canyonslands Preserve**





# *Administration*

- Coordinate with Travis County
  - Annual Report
  - Conservation easements
  - Coordinating Committee meetings
- Ongoing acquisitions
- Update Management Plans
- Public presentations
- Evaluate land exchanges
- Permit review for utilities in BCP
- Interdepartmental coordination



## Balcones Canyonlands Preserve

# *Land Management*

- Determine boundaries
- Problem negotiation
- Design signs/fence specs
- Install signs/fences
- Install trail closures
- Install erosion controls
- Handle perimeter conflicts

## Balcones Canyonlands Preserve



# *Land Management, continued*

- Cleanups
- Public access study
- Wildfire prevention planning
- Obtain bids, oversee contracts
- Feral hog, problem animal control

## Balcones Canyonlands Preserve





# *Caves Management*

- Restoration and erosion control
- Inspections for surface problems
- Oversight during construction of SH 45 in the vicinity of Flint Ridge Cave
- Gating design and installation
- Cleanups
- Cave species monitoring
- Fencing as needed

**Balcones Canyonlands Preserve**





# *Warbler Management*

## *monitoring at:*

- Bohls
- Cortaña
- Emma Long
- Reicher Ranch
- Upper Bull Creek
- Cowfork/Coldwater
- Bull Creek Preserve (Forest Ridgeplus)
- Barton Creek Greenbelt, Wilderness Preserve



# Balcones Canyonlands Preserve



# *Habitat Management*

## *restoration:*

- Planting
- Deer controls
- Conduct deer surveys
- Conduct vegetation surveys
- Seed collection for restoration
- Hydro-axing for black-capped vireos
- Prescription burns for black-capped vireos



## Balcones Canyonlands Preserve



# *Law Enforcement*

- Vandalism
- Illegal trespassing
- Emergency situations
- Education/Volunteers
- Patrolling of Preserves
- Alcohol, drugs, curfew violations



## Balcones Canyonlands Preserve

